



March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 8 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CAMP, 29-30 JUNE 2023

In order to enrich their curriculum, we are planning to take all Year 8 students to Longridge Activity Centre in Marlow from Thursday 29 to Friday 30 June. They will experience a range of tasks designed to enhance their communication, social and group skills through a variety of activities including canoeing, kayaking, climbing wall, raft building, standup paddleboarding, laser tag, evening games and an overnight camp.

We will travel to Marlow by coach on the Thursday morning, leaving at approximately 8.45am, and arrive back at school at approximately 6.30pm on the Friday. A letter will follow nearer the time giving details of schedule, kit list and expectations.

Students should bring a packed lunch for the Thursday, then all food will be provided (supper on Thursday evening, breakfast and lunch on the Friday). In the past, students have been invited to bring cookies or cupcakes to share with their friends and we are happy for this tradition to continue.

Please note, however, that all foods brought to camp must be NUT-FREE.

Accommodation will be in small (2/3/4 person) tents. We have a limited number of tents available in school so it would be helpful if students could bring their own. We would, however, have to check that the tents are suitable as soon as possible, and students will need to liaise with their form tutors about this.

As you will see from the list above, some of the activities are water-based. It is important for you to let us know if your son/daughter is not confident being on the water.

You are invited to make a payment of **£122** to cover the cost of the activities, camping fees, insurance, food and transport to and from the activity centre. In order to secure a place, **we need a deposit of £42 by 31 March**, with the balance of £80 to follow by 1 June.

We are also aware of the increasing demands on family finances which may mean that it is not possible for you to meet these deadlines. Please get in touch with us if you would like to discuss a more manageable schedule. You may contact me at office@waddesdonschool.com. We may also be able to direct you to agencies which might be able to support you. We do not wish to exclude any student from this visit. However, without financial support from parents and guardians, the visit may have to be cancelled.

In the meantime, please would you complete the slip overleaf and return it to the finance office by 2pm this Friday, 31 March

We do hope that it will be possible for your son/daughter to take part in this visit.

Yours sincerely

Mr. O Nilan

Head of Year 8

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Student's name Form

I would like my son/daughter to attend the Year 8 Camp Yes ☐ No ☐

I will pay the deposit of £42 by Friday 31 March Yes ☐ No ☐

My son/daughter is confident being on/near the water Yes ☐ No ☐

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date

Please return to the Finance Office by Friday 31 March at the latest